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Club sports prove they are a force to be reckoned with. Read about the K-State rugby team on the sports page.



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Dietary dig

New research to improve, manipulate the feeding of cattle



Cutting a hole in a cow's side is a technique called fistulation, which involves a surgery and anesthetic. The cannula, which is the plug that is inserted, grows with a cow over much of its life.

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

They stand around like ordinary cows, swatting away flies and lazily chewing their feed. However, one feature separates them from ordinary cows: above each one's stomach is a hole.

Covering the hole is a four-inch wide plug that researchers can open to look directly inside the animal's stomach.

These animals are known as fistulated cows.

"The really unique thing is

when you put your arm in there and the rumen [or stomach] contracts," said Barry Bradford, dairy nutritionist and assistant professor of animal science. "It can contract so strongly that you can't move your arm," he said.

Fistulation allows K-State professors and their students to research ways to improve and manipulate the feeding of cattle.

By studying how an animal's food is digested, scientists can determine which foods cause the cow to produce less excretion and more milk, thus making cattle feeding more efficient.

This practice has been performed on cows for at least 50 years, Bradford said. It provides an easy way for scientists to observe how the animal's diet affects digestion in the rumen, in-



After the procedure, researchers can study the dietary processes of a cow. A cow can hold up to 300 pounds of food in its multiple stomachs.

cluding factors like the consistency of bacteria, the speed of digestion and the role of fermentation in the digestion process.

According to K.C. Olson, animal nutritionist and associate professor of animal science,

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Rape attempt results in arrest

By Salena Strate
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Riley County Police charged Michael Anthony Fields for attempted rape, aggravated battery and criminal restraint on Wednesday, according to an RCPD report.

Fields, 47, was arrested at 1001 S. Seth Childs Road, as stated in the report.

His bond was set at \$25,000, and at press time, he remained in police custody at the Riley County Jail.

The arrest was made as part of an ongoing investigation, said RCPD Lt. Michael Quintanar.

\$620 loss in local vandal damage

By Salena Strate
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man parked his vehicle at 1920 Hunting Ave. on Sept. 1 but returned to find it had been damaged, according to a Riley County Police report.

RCPD Lt. Michael L. Quintanar said the left rear passenger window was broken out of the man's 2006 Jeep Liberty.

Miscellaneous Xbox 360 video games, a rain coat and a U.S. military ID card were stolen from the vehicle.

Damages for the total loss were estimated at \$620, Quintanar said.

Polynesian group brings culture, excitement to campus

By Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Hula dancers dressed in coconut bras and brightly colored sarongs, along with the tranquil sounds of a tropical band, seemed to transform the Bosco Student Plaza into an island resort Thursday.

During the lunch hour, as students entered the K-State Student Union, they were greeted by Desert Polynesia, a Polynesian band playing on the stage that had been set up for the event. The Baila Pacifica Dancers were dancing the hula in front of the stage.

The Union Programming Council sponsored the event as part of UPC Awareness Week. The UPC exists to bring fun events to campus and give students cheap entertainment, said Jenny Barnes, senior in public relations and co-chair for the multi-cultural committee of the UPC.

This year, the theme was focused on the letter "E," since the "UPC is K-State's source for Economical, Enlightening and Exciting Events," according to the Awareness Week poster. The Polynesian dancers event was Embracing the Polynesian Culture.

"We wanted something different that we hadn't had at K-State before, and we thought this might be a culture people could enjoy," Barnes said.

As the band played, students stopped

to see what the Polynesian group was all about. The UPC offered students complimentary Hawaiian Punch, pina coloda air fresheners and tote bags with UPC calendars inside at the event.

"It's just an opportunity for people to experience a new culture on a nice day outside," Barnes said.

The Polynesian dancers recruited some students from the crowd to learn a hula dance while Don Ho's "Tiny Bubbles" played in the background. Margaret Warren, junior in communication sciences and disorders, said she was impressed with the dancers' talent.

"The way they move makes it seem so simple, but I know it probably takes a lot of discipline to move that way in a coconut bra," she said.

UPC is also sponsoring several other events this week. Friday, in the Bosco Student Plaza, the After Hours program of the UPC is hosting Big Red Chair Photos from 5-9 p.m., a chalking contest from 5-7 p.m., and country singer Zane Williams at 7:30 p.m.

Erin White, freshman in secondary education, said the Polynesian event achieved the UPC's goal to entertain.

"It's cool to experience other cultures, even though we are in the Midwest," White said. "It was a nice tropical treat for my boring Thursday."



As part of Union Programming Council Awareness Week, **Jessica Rosuello** and members of Baila Pacifica, a Polynesian dance group out of Texas, perform in Bosco Student Plaza from 12-1 p.m.

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The first round of exams is almost here; What better day than Sunday to do some end-of-the-weekend studying. And to keep you focused, catch the third episode of the fifth season that evening.

"Unlike a Virgin"
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THE BLOTTER

ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY


WEDNESDAY

Evan Drayer Booth, Clay Center, Kan., was arrested at 10:44 a.m. for criminal damage to property and criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$1,000.
Michael Anthony Fields, 1731 Fair Lane, was arrested at 11:35 a.m. for aggravated battery, criminal restraint and rape. Bond was set at \$25,000.
Anthony Juan Murphy, 907 Leavenworth St., Apt. 2, was arrested at 12:29 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.
Chris Leon Bunting, Junction City, was arrested at 1:07 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.
Jayson Bruce Hayes, 315 Kearney St., Apt. 2, was arrested at 4:54 p.m. for violation of a protective order. No bond was set.
Michael James Bean, 2500 Farm Bureau Road, Lot 232, was arrested at 6:35 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$45.
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THURSDAY

Mason Stewart Stockebrand, 517 Wickham, was arrested at 12:19 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.
Kamraan Syed Husain, 1525 Hartford Road, was arrested at 1:25 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$230.
Casey John Muller, Lynn, Kan., was arrested at 1:33 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,000.
Steven Lamar Burch, 2215 College Ave., N353, was arrested at 1:45 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.
Naim Saalim Alamin, 1001 Humboldt St., was arrested at 2:10 a.m. for obstruction of the legal process and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.
Betsy Mae Gonzales, Overland Park, Kan., was arrested at 2:20 a.m. for failure to appear and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1185.

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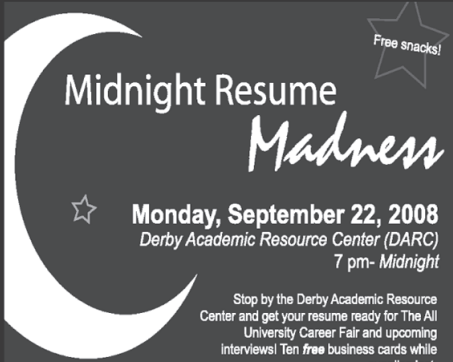
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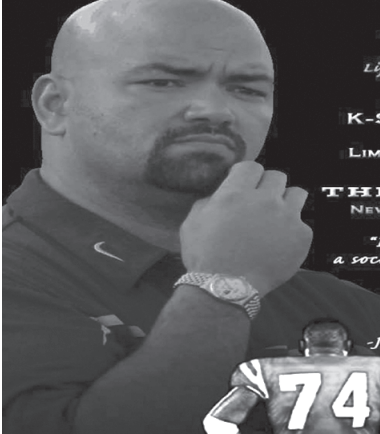
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UT vice chancellor speaks about online education

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A guest speaker gave K-State faculty and students advice on how to improve online courses Thursday morning during the Third Annual Axio Community Meeting and Conference.

Darcy W. Hardy, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Texas, said 3.2 million students enrolled in online courses in 2005.

“Due to the economy in the toilet right now, [universities are] going to have more and more adults

coming back,” Hardy said.

She said adult learners are currently the largest student population taking online courses.

Kenneth Barnard, professor of aeronautics at K-State at Salina, currently teaches an online course on aviation and weather.

“I think it is a great option,” Barnard said. “More students are working and cannot be in class.”

Barnard said online courses allow more flexibility for students. They can choose when to study, but must be more disciplined in order to finish

assignments and keep up with lectures.

Barnard uses several platforms and technologies to teach his online class. He said he tries to upload the presentations, videos and other teaching tools in multiple formats to accommodate all the students’ computer capabilities.

Barnard said online courses require more time and preparation. He said he had to limit enrollment in his course because of the time required to monitor it.

Hardy said professors need to focus more on

course content and less on multi-media formats, which transport the information to the students. The multi-media should be developed by a technician working with the professor, and should not be the sole responsibility of the professor.

Kurt Barnhart, head of the department of aviation at Salina, said his online course had to be canceled this semester because of low enrollment. This course was offered online last spring, and was a success, Barnhart said.

“The format seemed to

work well and we had a one-day field session on a Saturday that helped the students get a better handle on the subject matter,” Barnhart said.

Hardy said more students living on or near campus are taking online courses, not just students living across the country.

All online courses for K-State or K-State at Salina are offered to students through the K-State Division of Continuing Education. Courses offered, degrees, certificates and enrollment can be found at www.dce.k-state.edu.

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■ include quality support for students

“Technology isn’t the solution to everything,” Hardy said.

“Learning is the most important”

Mother chimpanzee gives birth at zoo



Hazina, a female chimpanzee, gave birth to a female chimpanzee on Sept. 10 at the Sunset Zoological Park.

by Amelia Wiederaenders
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As guests to the Sunset Zoological Park approached the glass-enclosed chimpanzee habitat, the mother chimpanzee thumped the glass in protest.

On Sept. 10, Hazina, the Sunset Zoo chimpanzee, gave birth to a female chimp.

“We don’t have a name for it yet,” said Elise Neuer, program assistant for the zoo. “In the past we think of some names and the public thinks of some names and we put it to a vote.”

Chimpanzees share 99 percent of the same genetics as humans, according to relief zookeeper, Jayson Gunengerich.

“They’re our closest liv-

ing relative,” Gunengerich said.

The Species Survival Plan asked the zoo to take the female chimpanzees Hazina and Hususa off birth control. When the zoo acquired a male chimpanzee, Julian, that was higher up in the genetics pool, they were eager to breed.

The announcement of the birth was made Mon-

day, and the zoo has already seen an increase in visitors.

“Usually when there’s a baby, there’s a lot more guests,” Neuer said.

Manhattan resident Virginia Bayer said it was thrilling to show her granddaughter Eviancea the baby chimpanzee.

“It’s fantastic to see it up close and personal,” Bayer said.

SGA discusses safety for K-State students

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Governing Association senators discussed student safety on campus at the SGA Senate meeting Thursday night.

Students have complained to members of SGA that bicyclists have been riding in zones designated for pedestrian traffic only, said Vice President Robert Swift.

“It’s been a reoccurring issue over the years,” Swift said.

Swift is a member of the Council for Parking Operations.

He said the council would be looking into ways of solving the issue.

“It’s an issue everyone needs to work together on,” Swift said. “People being considerate of others, whether they are walking, riding, or driving.”

Faculty Senate Representative Bill Muir said the police department has been cutting wires and confiscating bicycles tied to hand railings and areas where bicycles are illegally parked.

Muir said the owners have six months to claim

up the bicycle. The police department auctions the bikes off every year.

The senate unanimously approved two new student senators, Austin Wilhoit and Naga Raghuveer Modala. Following the vote, both new senators were sworn in.

Seventy-seven students were interviewed for student senate intern positions and 25 were unanimously approved.

This year had the largest number of applications the senate has received in several years, said William Lopez, student senate secretary.

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JOEL CAMPBELL

College students everywhere have a reputation for being creative. A quick look around a football stadium and one can see that in the inventive, funny or ridiculous homemade signs.

Some of my favorites from the 2007 season included, “Kansas Football: A Tradition Since 2007,” “We Want A New Carr With Les Miles,” or “OSU - The Runner-Up University.”

However, you won’t see any of these signs at the University of Virginia.

As part of a plan to promote better sportsmanship in the stadium, the university is banning all homemade signs for the 2008 season. And yes, that is probably an indicator on how well the old Cavaliers will play this season.

Sportsmanship is overrated, much like Ohio State football, Easy Mac and Barack Obama. People are trying to enforce the idea of sportsmanship on not only the fans but players as well. Plus, this is happening at all levels of the game.

The National Football

League, or more appropriately, the No Fun League, no longer allows props for celebrations after a touchdown.

One of the coolest celebrations I have seen in my 21 years of watching football was when Terrell Owens pulled a Sharpie out of his sock after scoring a touchdown, signed it and gave it to one of the fans.

After that, props were used by various players throughout the rest of the season.

Of course after this particular season, the No Fun League implemented a new rule that players who use props will not only be assessed a personal foul but also must pay a fine.

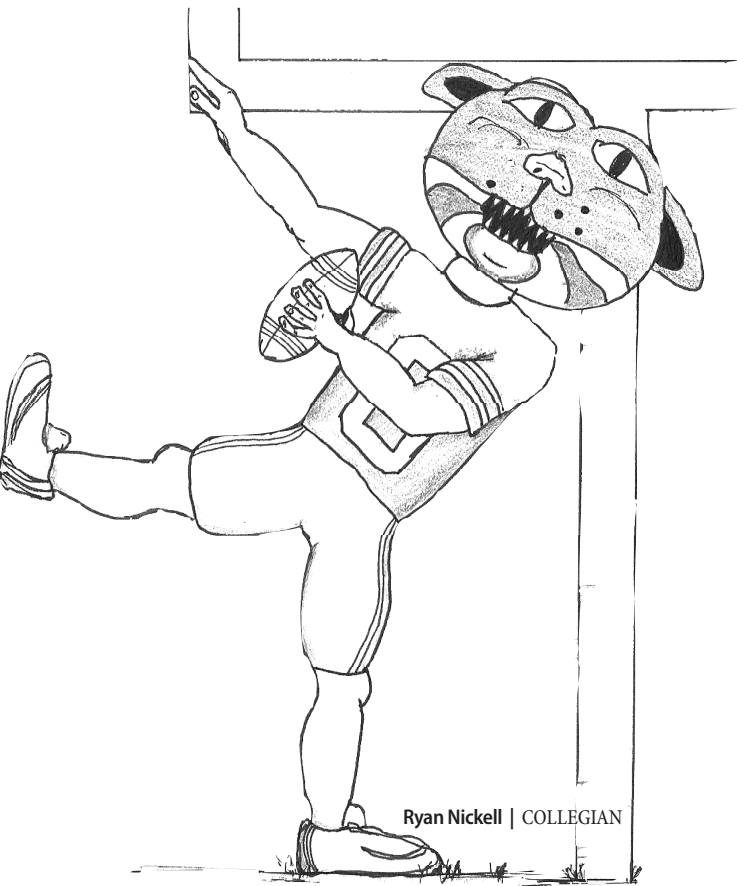
Also, before this rule change, the No Fun League decided to do away with team celebrations and so did away with the infamous “Dirty Bird” dance of Atlanta and the “Bob-N-Weave” of St. Louis.

Instances of people cracking down on sportsmanship aren’t just happening on the big stage either.

This year, to promote sportsmanship, K-State’s flag football league has decided to implement a “sportsmanship rating scale.”

In the past, all a team had to do was have a .500 or better record to make it to the playoffs, but under these new rules the team must also have an adequate sportsmanship rating to advance.

The rating is on a scale



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of one to five, with a 2.5 average needed to move into the playoffs. This means that if a team has a 5-0 record, but not a 2.5 average, they’ll be watching the flag football playoffs from the sidelines.

This is ridiculous. Who are they to determine sportsmanship on the field? I’m sure every team has that one loudmouth who will ruin it for everyone. I know my team does.

I think boycotting next year’s flag football team would show the Peters Recreation Center bigwigs that we don’t need this rule to play flag football. As long as no one draws a gun on another player during a game, I think we’re doing all right for ourselves.

This overrated concept of sportsmanship even can be found in our area high schools.

My junior year of high school I opted not to play basketball, therefore I sat in the student section of every home game.

I loved every minute of it, until about two minutes into the first game of the year. First the “air ball” chant was taken away.

So we thought we’d get tricky and yell “no rim” after a player horrendously missed

a shot, but the administration caught on fast.

Soon booing was taken down, along with some choice posters we made for some of our fallen comrades who were kicked off the team for various reasons.

Don’t misunderstand, flag football is a great sport that is fun to play, and I loved my old high school.

The problem is that with each step an administration takes to promote sportsmanship, that’s a step back for our beloved First Amendment.

What’s next, mandatory cookie baking for your flag football opponents? No sighing or rolling of the eyes at your local basketball game? Sportsmanship is not a problem in society, but 98 percent of the rules in place to support sportsmanship are.

Hopefully K-State doesn’t turn in to another UVA, or we won’t be seeing a “Let’s go! Two in a row!” at the next home basketball game against Kansas.

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Small, independent Alaska town a good example of capitalism



FRANK MALE

I know a little hamlet named Hope. No, not that Hope. This Hope is nestled in the wilderness of the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska, south of Anchorage. Hope has a population of only 137, according to the last Census. It isn’t even incorporated, but might be measured in more ways than size.

This summer I had the opportunity to visit Hope - one could say I was into Alaska before it was cool. Though I only spent an afternoon there, I will remember that little town for the rest of my life.

It wasn’t because of the breathtaking beauty of the area, though it was beautiful. Nor is it because of the white-water rafting opportunities, the chance for fishing or the allure of panning for gold.

These qualities bring tourists to the town, but they aren’t what

captured my heart.

What is amazing about this community is something so many people take for granted: it has a public library. In a town with less than 200 people, and only 14 school students, the community has guaranteed that everyone is given an opportunity to read.

In this quiet town, the median income is roughly one half of the national average, and more than half the men earn nothing. The McDonald’s revolution passed the town over, so you won’t see any chain restaurants. This is not a rich town, a well-known town or a well-placed town. It is, however, an independent town.

The library is staffed completely by unpaid volunteers and leases its building - which was built as a schoolhouse in 1938 - for \$1 per year. Operating costs are mostly covered by private donations, a small gift shop and a used book store, all staffed by unpaid volunteers. The school donates its old computers to the library.

Alaska is known for its rugged individualism and libertarian streak. I think Hope exemplifies this by running a public library as what is basically a private charity. Can you imagine spending the day working a gift

shop for free to keep a library afloat while moonlighting as an artist? One citizen of Hope does just that.

Citizens of Hope don’t wait for the government to come in and help them out. They make due on their own, whether it is setting up individual water wells for the homes or a library for everyone.

Hope was chosen as “Alaska’s Most Friendly Town” in 2001 by “Alaska Magazine,” and the town certainly lives up to that expectation.

There is a small river next to the downtown, offering opportunities for fishing. The land is private property and has signs to that effect around. The difference is, those signs encourage fishing with the stipulation of being courteous to the land and people.

I know that someday I’ll make the journey back to the little town of Hope, Alaska. The town is just too cool to

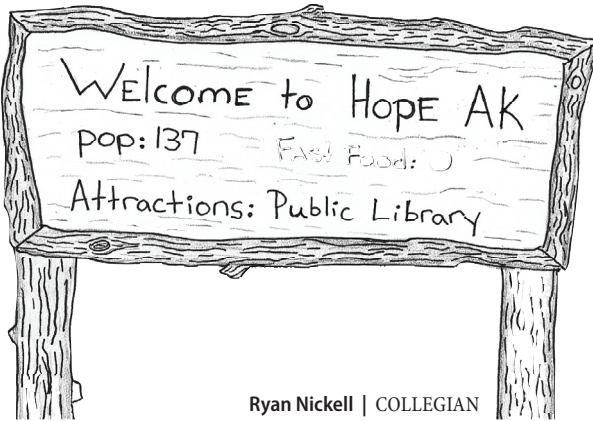
miss.

It would be nice to hike in the forests behind town, to fish the stream, to pan for gold, raft the river and enjoy the fabulous views.

Most of all, though, I enjoy the people. This little town founded on the basic precept of capitalism - get quick rich by hitting gold - has avoided the fate of so many other gold rush towns and continues to survive with a tourism trade.

A world of Hopes would be a better world indeed.

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TO THE POINT

Best of the Fourum

What’s black, white and read all over campus? The Fourum, of course. Here are the best comments of the week and a few we wished to expand on.

“To the guy that busted our party last night: Thanks, and by the way, you owe me \$1,000 and a new girlfriend.”

Did your girlfriend leave you because your party got busted? If so, that sounds like a pretty flaky girlfriend, maybe you’re better off. At least it’s a good story.

“I was in Lawrence this weekend, wearing nothing but my clown shoes.”

We’re not too certain that is the appropriate way to represent Manhattan. Unless they were really awesome clown shoes.

“Fourum poll: Which building on campus has the most smokers outside of it? My vote is Cardwell.”

Cardwell is a good choice, but our vote is Eisenhower. Take a stroll past the front doors in the middle of the day and you’ll have problems avoiding the smoke clouds.

“To the guys that said he still doesn’t understand

the fork outside of King: wouldn’t it be more of a spork?”

Agreed. Anyone that’s unwrapped a utensil from KFC knows the statue outside of King is definitely a mix of a spoon and fork. Good call.

THE FOURUM

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To the girl rollerblading around the Union in her bathing suit: never again.

Dear Ryan, I will move anywhere you move. I am in love with you.

I’m going home on Saturday, so I’ll just get with her and tell her I can’t handle this kind of relationship anymore.

My roommate’s new girlfriend left a huge hairball and bobby pins in my bathroom.

I didn’t know it was possible for Ryan to date a girl from the Rec.

Dear roommate, please clean your room. It makes the rest of our house stink.

Mark, you better get that ring back, because I think this one’s for real.

Excuse me, have you seen the president of Theta?

Am I the only one that wants to clothesline people on bicycles — just for fun?

To the people wearing sweatshirts in 80-degree weather, you are retarded.

The redheaded Irishman went to a party this weekend with an erection. There were no survivors.

My roommate wants to be called “papi.” Any girls interested?

I just got the Cox digital cable bundle, then I figured out it wasn’t a form of birth control.

To the girl that let me go on my bike in front of her but I didn’t: We need to meet.

Hey, Tim Hadachek, thanks for your article where you took liberal ideas to the extreme and branded all Democrats as communists. I hope your firstborn is the next Karl Marx.

I love you, TiVo.

I get road rage when walking through campus.

Hey, Cory, let’s go to Australia and watch the wombats combat, then we can make out on the beach. Love you.

Dear K-State junior, I’m anything but a cheating whore. In fact, I’m a virgin, and if you have a good taste in music, I might be looking for you, too.

Can’t get enough of the Fourum? There’s good news - the Collegian is in the process of creating a Photo Fourum, where you can post pictures of you and your crazy adventures.

Stay tuned for more details. Check out kstatecollegian.com for the rest of today’s Fourum.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist’s views on FCC hypocritical

Editor,

I’m saddened to hear of Corene Brisendine’s unfortunate encounter with sexual innuendo, as explained in her column, “Consumers should fight back against excessive sexual images in advertising.”

I cannot even begin to understand how traumatized you must feel after being subjected to such lewd acts which were proudly displayed in the mainstream media.

I remember my first encounter with a sexual commercial. That image of a lingerie model was forever burnt into my eyes. The Lord knows I can’t unsee it – and to think that they would lower themselves to such primitive measures, just to tempt their viewers into their product.

These advertisers have a responsibility. They are influencing our children. Please, just take a moment to think of the children, for they are our future, and by protecting them, we can ensure a just and moral tomorrow. The sad truth is that parents can’t be held responsible for their children. I mean, there’s just no way to control the little buggers.

Insinuating such a despicable act

as sexual intercourse in my presence is a violation of my rights. But I can see Brisendine’s education is serving her well, since she knows exactly who to call in these situations. Thank God our government has a bureau for exactly this situation.

Ah, yes. The good ol’ FCC, suppressing immoralities since 1934. They sound like the right people for the job. The FCC’s purpose is to protect us against these kind of injustices.

So, yes, it is one’s duty to notify the FCC of their disapproval. How else will our government know what we should be allowed to say?

This must be especially difficult for Brisendine, seeing as her field of study is mass communications. To think, that our First Amendment rights are being abused in such a vulgar way – this is unacceptable, and must be stopped. We can’t just let people waste this beloved right by using it all up with obscenities.

Congratulations to Brisendine. I’m proud of what she’s trying to accomplish. I’m sure her career in communications will be fruitful. And it should be much easier when the government is telling her what to say.

Jesse Printz
SENIOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sorority member say the Collegian misrepresented organization

Editor,

In response to the article “New member education speaker warns greeks of stereotypes,” the members of Gamma Rho Lambda were disappointed in the way our opinion and our sorority were represented.

We were not the only people in the audience that found Rick Barnes’ speech to be offensive to women, members of the military and members of the LGBT community, yet we feel that you failed to accurately and honestly present and explain our opinions of that day.

The speech was supposed to be about ending the greek stereotype, yet he had no problems with using stereotypes of other cultures and genders.

He referred to greek women as “skanks who were part of the greek tour” and men in fraternities being the “most homophobic group,” and he was not interested in addressing the problems of these stereotypes being a part of greek representation.

Furthermore, I am a straight ally

who is also a member – and not the only straight ally member – of this newly established sorority.

I was extremely disappointed in your irresponsible misrepresentation of my organization as the new “lesbian sorority” on campus.

To give you a more accurate view of Gamma Rho Lambda, our mission statement is as follows: “Gamma Rho Lambda National Sorority is an all-inclusive woman’s social sorority exemplifying the qualities of tolerance, diversity, unity and trust, which provides a network of assistance in the areas of scholastic guidance, emotional support and community service while ultimately developing the lifelong bonds of sisterhood.”

We appreciate you wanting our opinion, but if you’re going to choose to add it to an article, we hope that next time you present all opinions equally, even if it opposes the majority view.

Bjai Rice
SENIOR IN NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Doctors take advantage of trend

Editor,

With respect to the misleading letter to the editor from nurse Lydia Kingston, are human males born in need of immediate surgical intervention?

Circumcision is cosmetic sexual surgery. A physician’s responsibility is “first, do no harm.”

Botched circumcisions can lead to sexual dysfunction and even death – a high price to pay to “look like daddy.” If the father has a moustache and the child does not, will the child suffer psychological injury?

This barbaric procedure is performed on uninformed and unconsenting victims. If they could speak, 10 out of 10 boy babies would say no to circumcision.

The main reason for circumcision is sitting in the doctor’s driveway. It is easy money. It is grotesque that many American women feel a circumcised (i.e. surgically altered) penis looks “more natural.”

I would refer your readers who would like to get more facts to www.nocirc.org.

Barry Borella
CENTER HARBOR, NH

Benefactor is an important criteria of Manhattan transitional shelter

Editor,

I was pleased to see the story about the new transitional shelter in Manhattan, but was disappointed that information was not provided about its namesake and primary benefactor, Caroline Peine.

Even worse, both her first and last names were misspelled in your article. Caroline Peine was a long-time employee and former assistant dean of student life at K-State as well as one of its top financial supporters.

The Peine Gate at the 17th Street entrance to campus is just one example of her generosity to the university.

She also left a major bequest to the Manhattan community to provide money for projects like the new

transitional shelter.

I hope you will honor Caroline Peine with a future story about her many contributions to our university and community.

Judith Lynch
DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER



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During the last 90 degree turn, **Nicholas Robinson**, junior in mechanical engineering, races **Justin Riggs**, sophomore in education, during the Plaza Grand Prix. The event had 25 contestants and was completed in 49:85 seconds- 2:20:42 minutes.

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K-STATE NEWS

MICHAEL BEASLEY FINED

NEW YORK – Miami Heat rookie Michael Beasley was fined \$50,000 by the NBA on Thursday for his involvement in an incident at the Rookie Transition Program this month.



BEASLEY

The NBA also said that Beasley failed to cooperate with the league investigation of the matter also involving Miami's Mario Chalmers and Memphis' Darrell Arthur.

Arthur and Chalmers, former Kansas teammates, were fined \$20,000 apiece last week after being banished from the rookie symposium.

Security at the resort near New York where the event took place found Arthur and Chalmers in a room with two women, and the scent of marijuana was detected.

No drugs or drug paraphernalia were found, but having guests in the room violated NBA policy, and the two rookies were sent home.

—The Associated Press

CROSS COUNTRY HEADS TO LINCOLN

K-State's men's and women's cross country teams will run at the Woody Greeno Invitational, in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday Sept. 20. The women's 6K race will start at 10 a.m. followed by the men's 8K race at 10:45 a.m. Races will be run at Pioneers Park.

Both Wildcat teams are coming off victories at the J.K. Gold Classic, two weeks ago, and are looking to continue their success in Lincoln. The Husker men are coming off of a second place finish and the women finished third at the BYU Autumn Classic on Sept. 6.

"This will be our first race of the year at the championship distance. It has been since November that we have run at this distance, so we will use this race to get used to the championship distance again. Two, we will be looking to stay next to Nebraska from a competition stand point," said head coach Michael Smith.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM FACES TOUGH WEEKEND

The K-State equestrian team will begin the 2008 fall season on the road as it travels to compete against two of the top programs in the country in South Carolina and Georgia. The Wildcats look to improve on a 6-6 regular season record from a year ago.

The Wildcats will face some stiff competition to open the 2008-09 season as they look to knock off the 2006 and 2007 National Champion Gamecocks on Friday and the 2008 National Champion Bulldogs on Saturday.

—K-State Sports Information

Eyes to the future



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Lance Staggengborg, senior in feed science, catches a line-out during practice Thursday evening. The Rugby club will be facing off against Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday.

Rugby club team looks to next level

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rugby is a hard sport to grasp. Players play on a field similar to a soccer field and the sports share the non-stop action up and down the field and the absence of equipment like soccer. But players use a football-shaped ball, tackle each other, score in end zones and have goal posts like football.

"The best way I could explain rugby is that it is an eternal kick return in football," said Dan Knapp, member of the K-State rugby team and junior in mass communications. "It doesn't stop. If you get tackled, you keep going and the kick return keeps going until you get across the goal line."

The rugby team, like the football team, has played three games this season, including an overtime win last weekend against in-state rival KU. The team is not an official NCAA sport and is partially funded by allocations from the Student Governing Association and fundraisers.

Hale Sloan, president of the club and senior in pre-dentistry, said almost 30 people are on the team, but since 15 players from each team are on the field at any time, most players see a lot of playing time. This extended playing time can take quite a toll on the players' bodies, especially in such a brutal sport.

Joe D'Agostino, sophomore in computer science management, said the team has to balance the intensity at practices so players are prepared but don't get injured before games.

"Obviously every game, every practice, you have a chance to get an injury," D'Agostino said. "Yeah, you definitely want a break at the end of the season."

Just barely into the season, injuries have already begun to affect the team. In last week's game, one player suffered a concussion and went into seizures after slamming into the ground. Though Knapp said the injury was the worst he had seen in a rugby game, he said the player is recovering well this week. But that player and a few others will not be able to play in this week's match against a tough Nebraska team.

The K-State club team is coming off a successful season, in which they were ranked in the Division I rugby top 25 – a feat almost unimaginable when Sloan joined the club in 2004.

"We went from not being able to get enough people to go to games to ranked in the top 25 of Division I rugby last season," Sloan said. "So I think we've progressed pretty well."

Sloan said most of the players on the team played in high school in metropolitan areas like Kansas City and Denver.

"The rest are just people like me who grew up playing sports and decided to give it a try when they got to college," Sloan said.

Knapp, who played for the rugby team at Shawnee Mission East High School in Prairie Village, Kan., said the K-State club team is much less organized and structured than his team in high school, but he hopes to change that.

THE BASICS OF RUGBY

- The basic game involves 15 players.
- The object of the game is to score as many points as possible by carrying, passing, kicking and grounding an oval ball in the scoring zone at the far end of the field — called the in-goal area.
- To score, players must ground the ball, which must be done with downward pressure, results in a try (worth five points). After a try, a conversion may be attempted by place kick or drop kick. If the ball passes over the bar and between the goal posts, the conversion is successful and results in a further two points. Points may also be scored from a drop kick in general play (worth three points) and a penalty kick (worth three points).
- The ball may not be passed forward (though it may be kicked forward) and players may not receive the ball in an offside position, nor may they wait in such a position.
- Players may not be tackled without the ball.
- Play only stops when a try is scored, the ball goes out of play or an infringement occurs.
- When the ball goes out, it is thrown back in at a line-out where the opposing "forwards" line up and jump for the ball.
- Infringements result in a penalty, or free kick, or scrum. In a scrum the opposing forwards bind together in a unit and push against the other forwards, trying to win the ball with their feet.
- Substitutions are only allowed in case of injury.

"We're trying to make this team more regimented," he said. "We're starting to win games, so its time to buckle down and get serious about this."

Bowl hinges on road games



JUSTIN NUTTER

Before the season began, football coach Ron Prince said the goal of the K-State football team was to capture the Big 12 North Championship. After Wednesday night's showing against Louisville, a team that is nowhere near the caliber of many of the Wildcats' conference opponents, I'm convinced Prince set the bar a little too high.

While a trip to Arrowhead Stadium in December might be out of reach, the possibility of seeing K-State in the postseason isn't out of the question. The Wildcats already have two wins, and barring a disaster, they'll get their third next Saturday. By all means, they should be halfway to bowl eligibility before starting conference play.

Take a look at K-State's Big 12 home games: No. 11 Texas Tech, No. 2 Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State.

After giving up 38 points and 577 yards to Louisville's offense, the Wildcats' defensive unit doesn't seem strong enough to shut down the high-octane offenses the Red Raiders and Sooners will bring to Snyder Family Stadium.

Also, let's not forget the Huskers, who dropped 73 points on K-State last year in Lincoln, Neb. That leaves the Cyclones as probably the Wildcats' best chance to win in Manhattan.

Realistically, K-State's home conference record probably will be 1-3, or 2-2 if the team can steal a win from the Huskers. If that is the case, they will still be one win short of bowl eligibility. That means the team will have to do something that it hasn't done in almost a calendar year: Win on the road.

K-State's road schedule features matchups at Colorado, Texas A&M, No. 19 Kansas and No. 4 Missouri. The Buffaloes often have caused problems for K-State on their own turf – the Wildcats are 1-2 in Boulder, Colo., since 2002 – but that one victory came in Prince's only visit to Boulder. The Buffs have been shaky this season and are likely the Wildcats' most beatable road opponent.

Beating Colorado is crucial because the Wildcats' road competition only gets harder. K-State hasn't defeated Texas A&M in College Station, Texas since 1996. However, the Aggies are off to a slow start under a new coach, so that might help the Wildcats' chances. Regardless, winning at Kyle Field is never easy.

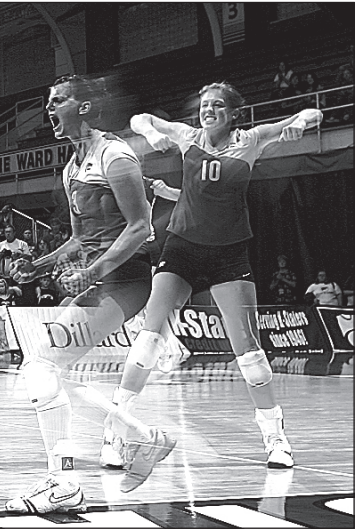
The trip to the Lone Star State probably will be K-State's last decent chance to win outside of Manhattan. Prince's career record against Kansas and Missouri is a collective 0-4, and his team was thumped two years ago in Lawrence and Columbia, Mo. If the Wildcats can manage to win either of their final two road games, it would be a huge upset.

If I've learned anything during Prince's tenure at K-State, it's that guaranteed wins no longer exist for the Wildcats, especially away from home. In two-plus seasons, Prince has a 2-8 record outside of the Little Apple.

If K-State players want to see the postseason again any time soon, they need to find a way to keep history from repeating itself. Otherwise, they should plan on spending bowl season at home ... again.

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Volleyball team shoots to bounce back against CU



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Two players celebrate during a match at the Varney's Kansas State Invitational, which K-State won.

By Justin Nutter
K-STATE COLLEGIAN

After Wednesday night's 1-3 loss to No. 2 Nebraska, Wildcat volleyball coach Suzie Fritz said her team is learning from its mistakes and working to correct them.

"I thought we had plenty of opportunities that we didn't take advantage of," Fritz said after Thursday's practice. "We realize and understand that. The only way for us to correct that is to do that day-to-day here in practice."

Fritz said the Wildcats, ranked No. 18 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, had a good practice following Wednesday's let-down, but there is still room for improvement.

"I thought we were decent today. Not exceptional, but we were decent," she said. "I thought we practiced well,

considering we were handling some disappointment and frustrations."

The Wildcats (10-2, 0-1 Big 12 Conference) will look to capitalize on those improvements when they take on Colorado (7-3, 1-0 Big 12) at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Ahearn Field House.

The Buffaloes, who are coming off a 3-2 win over Kansas on Wednesday, started the season with a 6-0 record before dropping three straight matches in their own Colorado Invitational on Sept. 10-13.

The match will mark the 43rd meeting between the two teams. Colorado leads the all-time series, 24-18, but K-State holds a 14-10 advantage since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996. The Wildcats swept the Buffaloes in 2007, and they have won eight of the last 12 meetings.

Fritz said Colorado, who had a lackluster 2007 campaign, is still a

solid team, even if they had trouble winning matches last season.

"They've always been really good until relatively recently," she said. "They had some struggles last year. They went through last year what we went through in 2006, where they played several five-game matches and lost every single one of them. They were good, but just not good enough. It's very easy to get yourself in that position in this conference."

She also used the Wildcats' turnaround in 2007 as proof that the Buffaloes shouldn't be overlooked.

"We struggled with that in 2006 and came back and had a decent 2007," she said. "I can't imagine them having the same struggles they had a year ago."

The showdown will mark the end of a six-match home stand for K-State, who hasn't competed outside of Manhattan since Sept. 6.

CLUB PROFILE

Group aims to alleviate the fears of public speaking

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Public speaking: the mere idea sends three of every four people into a state of anxiety. According to the Department of Communication, public speaking ranks among Americans' top dreads, beating out the fear of illness, flying, terrorism and even death itself.

Jerry Seinfeld might have said it best when he joked, "In other words, at a funeral, the average person would rather be in the casket than giving the eulogy."

In attempts to overcome this nationwide fear of public speaking, the Toastmasters International was formed at a California YMCA in 1924. Since its introduction, the club has nearly 235,000 members in 92 countries.

"It started as a way to help people communicate better," said Jon Oakes, president of the K-State Toastmasters Club. "Someone obviously saw a need to get people to communicate better. It's really taken off."

Thomas Roberts, dean of engineering, founded K-State's Toastmasters Club and has been a member for the past 30 years.

"I worked 20 years in industry before I came to the campus," Roberts said. "While I was in industry, I worked on the firm's personal development. During that time, I learned that Toastmasters was one of the best tools available to anybody. So when I came to K-State, I thought it would be a good idea to provide students with a good, strong de-

velopment opportunity."

As a part of the opportunity, Toastmasters International issues several manuals to members, giving them a different piece of practice curriculum like how to be passionate, proper use of hand gestures and visual aids, and how to utilize words to improve vocabulary. Members can give a speech on any subject. Their only goal is to focus on one of the points outlined by the guide.

"The most important thing is preparation. I don't know if anyone ever explicitly advised me of that, it just became obvious through the club that the more prepared I was, then the smoother the performance went," said David Blacic, senior in mechanical engineering. "As with anything in life, practice makes perfect and that definitely goes along with public speaking."

Blacic has been a member of Toastmasters for three years and over that period has begun to realize the dramatic change in his presentation abilities.

"I would say being more comfortable speaking in front of an audience [has been my biggest gain]," Blacic said. "Practicing speaking in front of a group over and over again makes it easier to be comfortable in that situation. The first few times I gave speeches I was very nervous about it, but practicing in the Toastmasters Club, I'm a lot more comfortable with it than I used to be."

Comfort is key to public speaking, Roberts said. If people are uncomfortable with

something, it naturally causes fear.

"I think people don't practice [public speaking] enough," he said. "There's just a discomfort, and people don't like to be uncomfortable."

To introduce the concept of comfort more easily, most Toastmasters clubs try to aim for 20 members, though Oakes, senior in mechanical engineering, said the K-State club stands at 10 members and is always willing to accept more.

"We just try to provide a supportive and comfortable environment from which people get up and give speeches," Oakes said. "It's a pretty small club. Usually we try to shoot for 20 members. It kind of keeps it small to where you know everyone and it keeps a small environment. You need some place where you can feel comfortable."

Meetings of the Toastmasters Club are unlike most academic clubs in that every member has a chance to fulfill a different position of leadership each week.

The joke master usually begins the meeting with a quick-witted quip to lighten the mood and shatter nerves. Following the joke, the table topics leader will ask unscripted questions for members to answer impromptu.

Other roles include speech evaluators, vocal pause counter, and of course, toastmaster.

"A good meeting is not just about people speaking," Roberts said. "One of the members always has to run the meeting, and other

members have to evaluate, tell a joke.

"Every week you're practicing some new aspect of public speaking. It's not just about speaking; it's about leading, it's about listening, it's about learning to evaluate. That's what Toastmasters is really about, it's a complete package."

With the complete package offered by the club, several past members have returned to Roberts to praise Toastmasters for aiding them in their careers.

"We've had a number of engineering student council presidents that come back and say that this was very worth it," Roberts said. "I've even had some that have it on their résumé, and it's helped them with their interview, just getting a job."

Though public speaking might send shivers down the spine of even the bravest soul, Roberts, Oakes and Blacic each took the time to emphasize its importance in the working world. Everyone must face their fears at some point, and Toastmasters offers that opportunity at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Chem/Bio building, room 437.

"I've heard that people's No. 1 fear is speaking in front of a group, and I find that astonishing that people fear that more than death," Blacic said.

"It just shows the sort of stigma or fear that people have about public speaking – I think this club is a good way to get past that fear. In pretty much every field, you have to be good at communicating."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Students worried about high gas prices in the Seventies

By Eric Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

This story ran in a 1975 issue of the K-State Collegian when the gasoline supply was low and many were uncertain about where their next tank of gas was coming from. With today's gas prices growing higher and higher, this story proves that gas woes are nothing new.

AMERICAN GASOLINE SUPPLY UNCERTAIN

Americans are being warned of another gasoline shortage this summer, but the Federal Energy Administration said Thursday that "there is absolutely no way the government is going to let that happen."

Analysts in private industry aren't so sure that supplies will be adequate for demand.

They note that stockpiles of gasoline have been declining and say spot shortages could develop if production doesn't increase. Some experts say that if a shortage does occur, it will be due to government controls.

Is there really a problem? Or are the oil companies simply trying to create

a shortage to boost prices?

A spokesperson for the American Petroleum Institute said he didn't know whether there would be a shortage. Asked about allegations that the companies might deliberately create one, he replied: "Good God, no. It would be politically disastrous for us to do that."

Everyone agrees there is plenty of crude oil to make enough gasoline. The FEA says crude oil supplies are 5 to 10 percent above last year's level, when the situation had returned to normal after the Arab embargo. The problem arises over how much the demand for gasoline has increased.

Stockpiles of gasoline are about 12 percent below last year's levels and have been declining recently, according to the American Petroleum Institute. For the week that ended June 6, stockpiles were a little less than half a percent lower than they were in the comparable week of 1973.

Production of gasoline has also been declining. In the week that ended June 13, it was almost 2 percent less than in the same week in 1974 and almost 8 percent less than the compa-

rable period of 1973.


At the same time, a spot check in major cities around the country showed some oil firms were urging dealers to stay open longer and two major companies said they had been boosting gasoline production.

Federal Energy Administrator Frank Zarb said in Washington, "I don't expect a big shortage this summer."

An FEA spokesperson said the agency had been contacting major oil companies in recent days to check on supplies. He said the oil refineries currently were operating at about 80 to 85 percent of capacity and added that if the FEA finds supplies are too low, it will exercise its authority to order the oil companies to refine more gasoline and less of other products.



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THE EDGE

The fight to light

Professor researches nicotine's effects on behavior

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State psychology professor's research might explain why nicotine in cigarettes enhances how a person feels during daily activities, like drinking coffee.

"The nicotine might put people in a good mood. If they smoke often, the nicotine could be regulating their mood, and then they might realize they are dependent," said assistant professor Matthew Palmatier. "They adjust to having those experiences feel better?"

For instance, if a person drinks coffee and smokes a cigarette, it might make the experience feel better, so when a person has coffee without a cigarette, the feeling is not comparable.

In other words, Palmatier said not having nicotine could reduce the pleasure people receive from these activities.

Smokers then soon begin to rely on nicotine to regulate their moods to feel normal. Smokers also do not realize how it regulates their mood, and as they get older, it becomes hard to quit.

Palmatier said he has studied nicotine since graduate school and has an interest in it because there is such a large percentage of people addicted to nicotine.

He said he is still unsure of the real reason why people start to smoke in the first place, though he has theories.

"People smoke for a different number of reasons, though they know it has a negative health consequence," Palmatier said. "But I think people see [the consequences] as being far away."

Melanie Hall, sophomore in pre-psychology and undergraduate researcher, said Palmatier has been looking at how rats respond to sucrose, which is sugar water.

The researchers have found rats respond more for the sugar water after they get nicotine, she said.

Hall said the purpose of the study was to expand the working hypothesis that nicotine enhances what a stimulus reinforces.

Palmatier and his undergraduate researchers have used rats to investigate the effects nicotine has on moods. The researchers let the rats self-administer nicotine by pushing a lever.

When the rats push this lever, they also are given other items that reinforce their desire for nicotine.

Palmatier said doing this test on rats helps to determine how reinforcing nicotine is.

"If a person self-administers a drug, in the future they will make more responses to that drug," he said. "If the drug makes them behave more toward it, they can predict the drug may be reinforcing and appealing."

Hall said she appreciates the opportunity to help with the research because Palmat-

ier lets the undergraduate researchers do hands-on work in the lab, which she considers to be a more effective way to learn outside the classroom.

Laura Dare, junior in psychology, said she has been working on the research project since January.

She said she became interested in Palmatier's study because she wanted to help find ways to help people kick the smoking habit.

"I really like research in general, but with this research I like to see how drugs affect behavior, especially nicotine, since it is so popular," Dare said.

A K-State student, junior in accounting, said smoking has become an addiction for him.

The student wished to remain anonymous for family reasons, and said he has tried to quit smoking several times, but the sensations smoking creates for him prompts him to continue.

"It has been hard to quit because it is so easy to get smokes — you get 20 little fixes for a few dollars," he said.

He also said many smokers tend to drink coffee because it gives them a similar fix. He said when he drinks coffee without smoking a cigarette at the same time, it takes away from the pleasure of the activity.

"Anything that gets me up and going — and then smoking makes it feel so much better," he said.

2008 AGGIEFEST LINEUP

FRIDAY

TRIANGLE PARK

6 p.m. — Martin Gibson
7 — Pat Sings!
8 — Fluid Theory
9 — Farewell to False Love

PJ'S PUB, 1129 Laramie St., 785-539-3708

6 p.m. — Ashamed
7:30 — Evolution of Pain
8:30 — Effigy of Thought
9:30 — Nursing Home Panty Raid
10:30 — Meat Shank
11:30 — The Leo Project
12:30 — Sorrow By Truth

O'MALLEY'S ALLEY, 1210 Moro St., 785-537-0775

6 p.m. — A Grave Calling
7 — Descending Horizon
8 — Vehicles
9 — Sweet Paulie Pain
10 — Fluid Theory
11 — Outlaw Jake
12 — The Ruckus

AUNTIE MAE'S PARLOR, 614 N. 12th St., 785-539-8508

6 p.m. — The Postcards
7 — Justin Riggs
8 — The Brittle Lens
9 — The Hecklers
10 — Surphase
11 — The Goodbye Sort
12 — Dead Girls Ruin Everything

KATHOUSE LOUNGE, 1111 Moro St., 785-776-8744

8 p.m. — Outer Boundary
9 — Maris
10 — McCoy
11 — Lucia Drive
12 — Jackson Waters

THE DUSTY BOOKSHELF, 700 N. Manhattan Ave., 785-539-2839

8 p.m. — Adam Dallinga
9 — Airwave the Messenger
10 — Evan Reser
11 — Dropjaw

BLUESTEM BISTRO, 1219 Moro St., 785-587-8888

6 p.m. — Outlaw Jake
7 — Adam Dallinga
8 — Samantha Clemons
9 — Margo May

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, NIGHT

TRIANGLE PARK

2 p.m. — Cutthroat Cutie
3 — The Hecklers
4 — Product of Theory
5 — The Four Man Mafia
6 — Darlin Maudie
7 — Descending Horizon
8 — Maris
9 — McCoy

PJ'S PUB

2 p.m. — Pat Sings!
3 — The Four Man Mafia
4 — Farewell to False Love
5 — Cutthroat Cutie
6 — Kiss and Tell
7 — The Ruckus
8 — Chappie
9 — The Dead Idols
10 — Variable Speed Control
11 — Seasons After
12 — Decimation

O'MALLEY'S ALLEY

2 p.m. — Hip Hop Afternoon by Dropjaw
3 — Dropjaw
4 — Oz Born Click
5 — Stik Figa
6 — Mr. Chaz
7 — Artillery Funk
8 — Kula Voyage
9 — Muzizi

AUNTIE MAE'S PARLOR

2 p.m. — Brother Jeb
3 — Adam Dallinga
4 — Samantha Clemons
5 — Joshua Collingsworth
6 — Frank Prophet and Poor White
7 — Greyson
8 — Outlaw Jake
9 — The Mathematics
10 — The White Ghost Shivers

KATHOUSE LOUNGE

2 p.m. — Martin Gibson
3 — After All
4 — The Ryan Express
5 — Mike Vallis
6 — The Canvas
7 — The NoiseFM
8 — Darlin Maudie
9 — Cowboy Indian Bear
10 — Lonnie Fisher and The Funeral
11 — Bitter Moon
12 — Of the Flame Hand Robot

THE DUSTY BOOKSHELF

8 p.m. — Ruthless Antarctic Empire
9 — Samantha Clemons
10 — Loki the Trickster
11 — Space Station Lounge

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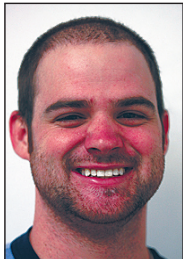
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7 — Justin Riggs
8 — Josh Collingsworth
9 — Martin Gibson

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LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Growing up means letting imagination slip away



ADAM REICHENBERGER

The other day I hit a bit of a depressing milestone.

I was on my way home from class, smiling at strangers as I so often do, and it occurred to me then that I was wanting to gain acceptance, or in this case, a smile, from the older crowd. This wasn't depressing by any means, and at

that moment I thought nothing of it.

No, rather it was later on my walk, past Aggieville and past the new snow cone lady, past 11th Street and nearing 10th.

I walked past the neighbor's dog, Buddy, and leaning over to pet his fat but beautiful face, both of my knees and one hip popped. Again, thinking nothing of it at the time, I smiled and stood to go on my way, but in doing so, I instinctively let out a hard sigh, sort of a grunt if you will.

I continued on my walk, nearing my apartment, still unaffected by the previous events. But soon I had to cross the street, and unaware of all that was happening at that moment,

I did so gladly. In the road, however, I met my demise.

There was no physical injury of course, but as I crossed the road, I accidentally kicked something. I looked down to find a stick at my feet — a long stick with a nice L-shape to it. I shrugged my shoulders and continued crossing the street. Not two feet farther, it occurred to me — that stick was just a stick.

"Where has all the kid in me gone?" I thought aloud with no answer.

And at that moment I realized I was old.

A stick. A beautiful, L-shaped stick. It could have been anything, and years ago, it would have been anything.

It could have been a

gun or a sword, a golf club or a periscope, an oversized novelty pen, a flag or even a really long finger to point at everyone — anything. But to me it was just a stick.

Where has all the kid in me gone? I called my sister for some crisis counseling, and she told me she somersaults into bed every night to feel young.

I tried that, and my shoulder popped out.

At the beginning of the semester my roommate and I had the option of installing bunk beds with a dinosaur-shaped slide in our living room or a couple plants and shelves.

Had this opportunity come up a year ago, I promise you I'd still be call-

ing out "top bunk" on my way home from the bars. But no, now I'm watering little Erica and Amber every day and going to Home Depot to re-soil their pots.

I suppose it's probably for the best. I'm sure the bunk beds would have countered the effect we were going for with our sushi party accompanied by Nat King Cole on the 8-track.

But still, how sweet would it be to wake up every morning and literally slide out of bed?

I guess my grown-up self will never know.

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Music professor to perform at Manhattan Arts Center



Courtesy photo

by Sarah Rajewski
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan Arts Center will feature an established artist tonight for its benefit concert, and this world-class pianist actually has local ties.

Slawomir Dobrzanski, assistant professor of music, will perform the concert for the MAC to support the arts and the community. Penny Senften, executive director of the MAC, said she is very excited to have Dobrzanski play.

“We don’t have a lot of that kind of music here,” Senften said. “It’s kind of a rarity to have someone of his caliber playing here.”

David Littrell, orchestra conductor for the K-State symphony and distinguished professor of music, said he

thinks this benefit concert shows a close collaboration of the town and the university.

“The Manhattan Arts Center is an integral part of the Manhattan arts community, so anything that helps them helps all of Manhattan,” Littrell said.

Dobrzanski will play Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Prokofiev at the concert, which will be at 7:30 p.m. at the arts center. He has played the piano since age 5 and sees the benefits of music for listeners today.

“We live in very complicated times,” Dobrzanski said. “Instead of watching TV, we can just enter the world of music and get transported to a different universe.”

Dobrzanski encourages

students who have never heard a pianist play to take advantage of this opportunity. He sees the arts as intriguing, no matter what genre.

“For me, as a pianist, it would be an adventure to watch a painter paint or an actor on stage and wonder how they did it,” Dobrzanski said.

Dobrzanski is from Poland, bringing diversity to the music faculty. He also travels the world to give performances.

Littrell said he thinks Dobrzanski’s experience helps the students he comes in contact with.

“Anytime students can interact with [people] not from Kansas, it broadens their horizons,” Littrell said. “You become more understanding about the way the

world works.”

Student tickets for the concert are \$10.

Dobrzanski stresses the effect of fine arts on the community and said people need to be proud of Manhattan.

“Without the McCain Auditorium and the Manhattan Arts Center and the music and theatre departments, it would just be a boring town,” Dobrzanski said. “There’s the whole sports scene, but we need variety.”

Although Dobrzanski has had to work hard to become so proficient, in the end, music is his passion.

“If you love something, you care about it, you like being with it,” Dobrzanski said. “I would be cautious about saying work. It is work but it’s also love.”

We didn’t start the fire



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Lacey George, junior in agricultural education, cuts strips of metal in welding class Tuesday evening. The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday.

Shawnee Zanatta publishers featured at Beach Museum

By Lexi Janezic
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Among the family of paintings and works of art at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum lies yet another family of work: the Zanatta Editions.

The Beach Museum will have a new exhibit called “A Family Affair: Selections from the Zanatta Editions Archives,” beginning today.

Zanatta Editions is an independent publishing company based in Shawnee, Kan. It boasts a selective and refined taste in artwork ranging from prints to paintings. Joe and Barb Zanatta own and operate the company, and have published works from select artists since 1996.

So far, the editions have borne six artists whose work will be on display in the upcoming exhibition. The works include monotypes by William Christenberry; lithographs, monotypes, neon sculptures and photographs by Renee Stout; and lithographs by Carey Maxon and Jaune Quick-To-See Smith.

In 2004, the Beach Museum acquired the Zanatta Editions archives, “which contain publications and related materi-

al, like working and trial proofs, preparatory drawings and proofs from unprinted editions,” according to a press release from the museum.

Of the works being shown in “A Family Affair,” almost all will be prints or proofs from the Zanatta Editions’ 12 years of existence.

The artists’ imagery includes Stout’s dreamlike thoughts and his desire to make weapons after an encounter with a friend.

Other works portray the white-hooded personas of Christenberry and the abstract cell-like drawings by Maxon.

The museum’s senior curator, Bill North, said “A Family Affair” does not just refer to the body of prints but to the actual collaboration between the artists and publishers at Zanatta Editions. He said six featured artists are the Zanattas and their children.

“I enjoy Michael Krueger’s print because a lot of his works have a place in Kansas history,” said art technician John Resman, “and each figure within the piece seems a bit out of place but are very significant – not to mention the line work is awesome.”

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Local officials discuss hands-free driving laws, phone hazards

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Thirty-eight states have laws banning cell-phone usage while operating a motor vehicle, but no state has a law banning all forms of usage for all drivers, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conducted a study in 2006 to determine if the use of cell phones while driving distracted drivers.

The study concluded that talking on the cell phone while driving can distract drivers. The report also concluded using hands-free devices, like Bluetooth technology, did not decrease drivers' distraction.

Kansas does not have a law prohibiting people from talking on cell phones while driving with or without a headset. The Kansas State Legislature introduced a bill in January to include cell-phone use as part of a "distracted driving" law.

House Bill 2706 defined distracted driving as "reading, writing, performing personal grooming, interacting with pets or unsecured cargo, using personal communication technologies or engaging in any other activity which causes distractions."

Though many people enjoy talking on their cell phones while driving, soldiers and their families driving on Fort Riley do not share the same freedom. All military posts have laws prohibiting handheld cell phones from being used while driving.

"[The Department of

Defense] had the safety of the driver in mind and the safety of the community when they developed the law," said Vittorino Dimattia, Chief of Police at Fort Riley.

Anyone caught driving while talking on a handheld cell phone on post will be fined \$75. It is a primary law, meaning the police can pull over drivers if they are seen talking on cell phones while driving.

Dimattia said the law did not cover hands-free devices like Bluetooth or headsets.

Casey Kitchell, Manhattan resident and soldier's wife, frequently drives on fort.

"I wish Kansas did have a cell-phone law," Kitchell said. "Driving on post is a breeze compared to driving in Manhattan."

Lt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department has a different opinion on cell-phone laws.

"I am always reluctant of more laws," Moldrup said.

Moldrup said he uses a radio to relay information all the time while driving. The problem is not with people talking on the phone; talking on the phone while driving becomes a problem when it creates a traffic hazard.

Moldrup said a law should be created and enforced to prevent traffic hazards.

"We [RCPD] get cell-phone calls all the time while crimes are occurring," Moldrup said. "I want that victim to call me and report they are being chased by somebody or someone is drunk and all over the road."

FRIDAY FACTOID

What's in a week?

By Sarah Rasmussen
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In the upcoming week there are approximately 13 known and observed themes reserved, but ABC decided to add one more: National Stay At Home Week.

For those who follow TV, it is no secret that Sunday is the start of the fall 2008 television season, but ABC is doing its best to give viewers an excuse to stay home this week and enjoy some relaxation time while they try out new shows as well as catch up with some old favorites.

According to an advertisement on *abc.com*, media giants created the themed week to encourage people to conserve gas by staying in this week – not to mention promoting their programming.

An official national holiday is not easy to create, though. According to *holidayinsights.com*, it is a process that travels all the way through

Congress. This can take years and a good investor, because the steps to getting one approved involve contacting a local congressperson, creating a proposal and then trying to get it through the congressional process quickly.

However, the site did say it's easy to declare a national holiday because you do just that: declare it.

Check out *www.kstatecollegian.com* every Monday for a list of the current week's holidays.

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RESEARCH| Committee to maintain care for examined animals

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the fistulation requires anesthetizing the cow while a doctor surgically creates a hole leading into the rumen, one of the four compartments in a cow's stomach. A white hatchway, or cannula, is added during surgery, and the aperture heals around the cannula. Observers then can remove the plug in the cannula to look into the stomach.

"If you mowed your yard, and you had grass packed up in that part of the lawnmower, the cow's stom-

ach would probably look like that," said Evan Tittgemeyer, ruminant nutritionist and professor of animal science. "It would smell much worse."

Cows' digestion yields a great deal of volatile fatty acids, like acetate — also known as vinegar, Bradford said.

"It is not pleasant," he said. "It's hard to find much to compare it to."

Human beings and other simple-stomached organisms often lack the enzymes necessary to break down

certain carbohydrates, like cellulose, in their stomachs, Olson explained.

Cows have stomachs with four compartments and can naturally break down cellulose. When they eat something, it is first processed and softened in the rumen.

"The rumen hosts a large number of single-celled organisms — bacteria, protozoa and fungi," Olson said.

The remaining substance is known as cud. The animal regurgitates it, chews it again and passes the cud on to other stomach cham-

bers. With a simple-stomached animal, a perforation in the stomach — often resulting from some sort of accident — is normally fatal. But a cow's stomach is already septic, so exposing it to the environment is not harmful, Olson said.

Bradford said up to 30 percent of the cow's ration can be ethanol byproducts. This helps reduce the cost of feed. After studying how cows digest low-quality grass from the Flint Hills, scientists determined that a simple protein supplement will

allow cows to eat this grass and still gain weight, he said. Thus, cattle growers "can produce abundant, high-quality food with a minimal food supply," Olson said.

One concern raised by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was whether animals are properly cared for after a procedure as invasive as fistulation.

"Animals used in agricultural research are entirely exempt from the minimal protections provided by the Animal Welfare Act, so there's nothing that binds these vivi-

sectors to ensure that the cows are receiving adequate pain relief," said Ryan Huling, PETA representative.

K-State and other agricultural universities use an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee to maintain standards of care for all animals used in research and to approve projects, Tittgemeyer said.

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CONCERT COVERAGE

Rock Opera finds K-State

By Megan Deppner
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

McCain Auditorium was host to New York City's East Village Opera Company Thursday night. The group, which had its debut in 2004, takes classical pieces of opera from composers like Bach and Mozart and turns them into contemporary rock songs.

Manhattan was the company's first stop on the tour for their new album "Olde School."

The group was co-founded by vocalist Tyley Ross and arranger and instrumentalist Peter Kiesewalter.

The other members of the group include female vocalist AnnMarie Milazzo, two guitarists, a percussionist, a bassist, and a string trio.

The vocalists sing in English, French, German, and Italian, staying true to the languages in which the original opera pieces were written and performed.

When the group arrived in Manhattan on Thursday, a truck with the most important half of their equipment never arrived.

The group had to scramble to assemble a sound system so they could perform on Thursday evening. Ross said the show was nearly canceled, but help from the Manhattan community made it possible for the company to assemble a system and perform.

The group has profound energy onstage and encouraged the audience to join in. Eric Spiess, se-

nior in music and marketing, was impressed by the performance. He said EVOC's style is a fresh idea and a new approach to old school opera.

He was also impressed with how the company got the audience enthusiastic about opera.

EVOC emphasized that their renditions of the arias were not meant to satirize the original pieces at all, but to modernize them.

They wanted to recreate the songs in a way that the composers would have if they had had 21st century technology available.

The group performed many fast-paced pieces, but also presented several slow ballads, such as "Butterfly Duet" from the opera Madam Butterfly. In every piece, the opera origins are still apparent, whether through the vocals and original lyrics or some of the instrumental sections.

The company modernizes the feel of the original opera pieces, adding contemporary flourishes such as electric guitar and electric keyboard. "Soldiers" from the opera Faust, which premiered in 1859, was changed from its classical origins into a contemporary song with rapped lyrics.

Keyboardist Peter Kiesewalter said one of the saddest arias they performed on Thursday evening was "Ebba" from the opera La Wally.

The vocals were performed by female vocalist AnnMarie Milazzo.

The group draws on

many different bands for their inspiration. Ross, the group's male vocalist, said the songs draw inspiration from bands like Queen, The Who, Al Green, and Boston.

When questioned about why the group chose to pursue rock opera in the first place, Ross said, "We love it, so we keep doing it. Audiences dig it."

Thomas Jackson, assistant director of McCain Auditorium said the EVOC performance would be a first for Manhattan, as nothing like this had ever come to town before.

"This year," he said, "we decided to take a more avant-garde approach to get the younger generations interested."

Jackson mentioned that EVOC's new approach to opera was unique and something different than the traditional opera that is usually performed at McCain.

After the performance, Heather Miller, graduate student in English said, "I never really liked opera before, but they made it fun."

Michelle Krones, fifth year senior in secondary education, said she was expecting something like Trans-Siberian Orchestra, but that EVOC's performance really exceeded her expectations.

EVOC will tour the United States for the next year to highlight their new album "Olde School".

Ross said the group is planning on recording another record next summer.

Aggieville store strives to offer affordable, fashionable clothes



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Located in the heart of Aggieville, Envy at 1223 Moro, features trendy clothing and a wide range of accessories.

By Monica Castro
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fashionistas now have a new spot to shop for trendy clothes and accessories located next to Cold Stone Creamery in Aggieville.

The new store Envy is having success in that location, said owner Steve Mercurio. He said he saw Manhattan as a place to offer female students shopping where they could find fashion at a price they could afford.

"We know that people don't want to spend a lot of money so we like to cater to that," Mercurio said.

All the clothes are from L.A., he said, and they work very hard to keep prices low for students.

Since opening, Mercurio said the most responses the store has received is about the price.

A lot of the clothes are styles students might see in

magazines, Mercurio said. Customers can also expect to find all the hot colors in the current fashion scene since they receive shipments daily to keep up with trends.

"Our store tends to be a little more sophisticated than maybe what a high school girl would shop at," Mercurio said.

He said the store conducted a survey at several major universities to pinpoint exactly what students wanted in retail choices and found they wanted low prices and individualistic fashion that would not be seen all over campus.

"We only have six items of each style and once that is sold out it is replaced with something brand new," Mercurio said. "We pretty much get a brand new store every 10 days, because that's what the turn-out rate is."

The store is packed with clothing, yet it is still

manageable for shoppers, he said.

"I think the neatest thing is when I see when people walk in the first time and they just get the biggest smile seeing all the clothes," Mercurio said. "It is just so rewarding."

Danielle Jones, sophomore in kinesiology, said she really liked the diverse selection of clothing and how they only have six of a particular item.

"All the clothes are unique and they are things you can't find in Manhattan," Jones said.

Kelsey Hemmy, Envy employee, said she enjoys working at the new store and seeing the girls that come in excited.

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